(f) The steps taken by the Government to control pollution in Delhi include the following :

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed.

(ii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards.

(iv) Industries have been directed to instal necessary pollution control equipment on a time bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(v) 17 categories of heavily polluting industries have been identified and these industries have been asked by the State Governments to comply with the effluent standards on a time bound basis.

(vi) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to clusters of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

(vii) Several petrol stations have been identified for supplying unleaded petrol for use in new petrol driven vehicles with catalytic converters from April, 1995.

(viii) Notification of ambient air quality standards have been issued.

(ix) Government of India has notified noise standards for industrial, commercial and residential areas and silence zones.

Creation of City Forest

2192. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to create City Forest;

(b) whether any such scheme has been sponsored by the Central Government;

(c) if so, the details of such scheme and the fund earmarked therefor;

(d) whether any such scheme is being implemented in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Some of the State Governments had approached the Government of India for financial assistance to enable them to take up programmes for creating City Forests in certain towns and cities of those States. The Ministry of Environment and Forests also felt that the national afforestation effort requires action in urban and semi-urban areas, alongwith ongoing efforts in rural areas. The National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board (N.A.E.B.) has, therefore, forwarded a proposal to the Planning Commission for a new Plan Scheme for providing central assistance to the State Governments. No fund has so far been earmarked in this behalf.

(d) No Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Scheme of City Forest is under implementation in Orissa.

(e) Does not arise.

Scheme on "Modern Forest Fire Control Methods"

2193. K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Scheme on "Modern Forest Fire Control Methods" with Central Assistance has been launched in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether some facilities have been provided to States and Union Territory under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to launch this scheme in Non-Forest areas of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A centrally sponsored scheme "Modern Forest Fire Control Methods" has been launched in 11 States namely : Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, U. P. and Tamil Nadu of the country. The main components of this scheme are Prevention, Detection and Suppression of forests fires, Research and Development, Training and Demonstration, Publicity, Extension and Education of forest dwellers.

(c) and (d) Under the Scheme 100% financial assistance is provided to the States and Union Territorise for creation and maintenance of fire lines, procurement of Modern Forest Fire Fighting hand tools, water handling equipments, fire finders, fire tenders, static and mobile wireless sets, fire resistant clothing, construction of watch towers, Research, Training and Demonstration.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The Mandate of Ministry of Environment and forest does not cover fire protection in non-forest area.